

### REMARKS

In the Office Action, claims 1-17, and 25-26 were pending. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims is respectfully requested in view of the following discussion.

Claim 1-3, 5-12, 14-17, and 25-26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Publication No. 2005/0010098 to Frigstad et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,192,266 to Dupree et al. Claims 4 and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Publication No. 2005/0010098 to Frigstad et al. in view of Dupree et al. and in further view of U.S. Patent No. 6,283,461 to Joao.

Applicant indicates the present Application No. 10/816,641 and U.S. Publication No. 2005/0010098 to Frigstad et al. were, at the time that the invention of Application No. 10/816,641 was made, owned by, or subject to an obligation of assignment to General Electric Company. U.S. Publication No. 2005/0010098 to Frigstad et al. is available as prior art only under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) or (g). In view of limitations under 103(c), Applicant argues that U.S. Publication No. 2005/0010098 to Frigstad et al. does not preclude patentability under 35 U.S.C. 103(a). See MPEP 706.02(l)(2). Accordingly, the cited references do not teach each and every limitation of the claimed invention. Reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-3, 5-9, 10-12, 14-17, and 25-26 is respectfully requested.

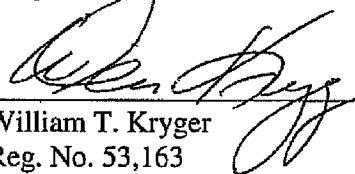
### CONCLUSION

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the pending claims in the application is respectfully requested.

No fee is believed due with this communication. Yet, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 070845. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension and authorizes payment of any such extension fees to Deposit Account No. 070845.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at telephone number (262) 957-3791 if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the application.

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